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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee of the  
Borough of Clitheroe.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my (Fortieth) Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, for the Year 1941, and in accordance with the suggestions of the Ministry of Health this is again in a very abbreviated form.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

WILLIAM E. BARKER.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

WM. E. BARKER, M.B., CH.B., (VICT.), L.S.A. (LOND.).

PART TIME OFFICER.

SANITARY INSPECTORS.

JAMES BOLTON.

(Resigned Office of Senior Sanitary Inspector December 31st, 1941 - retained in Service as Temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector owing to pressure of work in the Department).

EDWARD COATES, A.R.SAN.I.

(Appointed Senior Sanitary Inspector in succession to Mr. Bolton, as and from January 1st, 1942.).

SCHOOL NURSE AND HEALTH VISITOR.

ELSA W. BATES, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.

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SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS.

The BIRTH RATE for 1941 is 11.9 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, which is 0.2 above the figure for 1940.

The STILL BIRTH RATE is 27 per 1,000 total (live & still) births, an increase of 6 per 1,000 on 1940.

There were no Maternal Deaths during the year.

The adjusted DEATH RATE for 1941 is 13.9 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, a figure which is 2.0 per 1,000 below that of 1940.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE for the year is 49 per 1,000 live births registered, an increase of 20 per 1,000 upon the figure for 1940. The Rate for 1940 was, however, an exceptionally low one, the average of the previous five years being 51.

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The DEATHS included 1 from Cerebro-Spinal Fever; 1 from Acute Infective Encephalitis; 2 from Diphtheria; 1 from Whooping Cough; 1 from Influenza; 4 from Pneumonia; 8 from Bronchitis; 2 from Tuberculosis; 32 from Cancer; 40 from Organic Heart Disease; and 6 from Nephritis.

There is nothing in these figures to suggest any deterioration in the health of the Community during the past three years.

#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR (Civilians Only.

The epidemic of Measles which commenced in October, 1940 rapidly declined in the early months of 1941, and there were only 83 notifications as against 580 in 1940.

There was, however, a considerable outbreak of Whooping Cough, 141 cases being reported, and one death resulted.

462 children were immunised against Diphtheria during the year, and we expect to improve upon these figures in 1942.

The Table on Page 3 shows the number of Infectious Cases notified, the number to hospital, and the Deaths from Notifiable Diseases during 1941.

#### SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, ETC.

These remain substantially as in previous Reports.

#### LABORATORY WORK.

This shows no change on previous years.

#### SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Water Supply.	}	No Change.
Drainage & Sewage.		

#### HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION, ETC.

1. House and Shop Refuse removed to Destructor	2,018 loads.
2. Offal from Public Abattoirs.	128 loads.
3. Fish & Vegetable Offal from Trade Premises and Market.	262 loads.
4. Nightsoil from Pail Closets.	52 loads.
	<u>2,460 loads.</u>

The total weight of House & Shop Refuse (2,018 loads) amounted to 3,383 tons 11 cwt. 1 qr.



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## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR (CIVILIANS ONLY).

	At all Ages.	Under 1 yr.	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & Over	Admtd. Hospl.	Deaths
Smallpox.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Encephalitis Lethargica.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Diphtheria.	13	--	--	--	2	3	5	--	2	--	--	1	--	7	2
Scarlet Fever.	16	--	1	--	1	--	9	2	2	1	--	--	--	3	--
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	4	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	2	--	--	1	3	1
Measles.	83	1	8	14	13	8	32	5	1	1	--	--	--	--	--
Whooping Cough.	141	8	12	17	22	29	45	3	1	1	3	--	--	--	1
Erysipelas.	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	2	2	--	--
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pneumonia.	12	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	4	2	--	4	--	4
Dysentery.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Puerperal Pyrexia.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	1	--	1	2
Other Forms of Tuberculosis.	5	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	2	--	2	--	--	3	--
	283	9	21	31	38	40	94	10	9	12	8	4	7	17	10

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SALVAGE OF WASTE MATERIALS.

The following materials were Salvaged and sold from 1st January to 31st December, 1941:-

	T.	C.	Q.
Waste Paper ( all grades)	78.	10.	1.
Baled Destructor Tins.	46.	5.	1.
Ferrous Metal.	14.	7.	3.
Non-Ferrous Metals.		4.	1.
Textiles ( all grades)	2.	0.	0.
Bottles & Jars (909 dozen)	4.	9.	1.
Household Bones.		17.	1.
Kitchen Waste (from July 1st)	18.	5.	3.
	<u>164.</u>	<u>19.</u>	<u>3.</u>

The amount realised from the sale of this material was £542 ; 12 : 4.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES (MEAT INSPECTION).

The Public Abattoir is still utilised as a Government Depot for the distribution of meat in the area covered by the Clitheroe Borough, and the Clitheroe and Bowland Rural Districts. All slaughtering of animals for food in this area is carried on at the Abattoir, so that the inspection of meat has taken up considerably more time than in pre-war days.

The following shows the amount of Food condemned and removed from the Food Supply during the year:-

67 Beast Carcases	24,296 lbs.	71 Sheep Heads & Plucks	457 lbs.
73 Sets of Offal.	3,724 lbs.	548 Sheep Livers.	657 lbs.
Beast Livers.	2,736 lbs.	26 Pig Carcases.	1,849 lbs.
76 Sheep Carcases	2,369 lbs.	28 Pig Heads.	330 lbs.
Carcase Parts	37 lbs.	63 Pig Plucks.	277 lbs.
Corned Beef.	26 lbs.	Carcase Parts.	127 lbs.
Bacon.	17½ lbs.	29 Calf Carcases.	1,365 lbs.
Gammon Ham.	20 lbs.	31 Calf Heads & Plucks.	211 lbs.
Butter.	13 lbs.	Pork & Beans.	58 tins.
Tomatoes.	34 tins.	Sardines.	144 tins.
Milk.	19 tins.	Pilchards.	135 tins.

LODGING HOUSES.

BAKE-HOUSES.

FACTORIES.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, & MILKSHOP S.)

} These remain substantially as in  
previous Reports.



SUMMARY OF VISITS, ETC.

The following is a summary of the Visits, etc. made during the year by the Public Health Staff:-

House to House Inspection.	128
House to House Re-Inspections.	266
Other House Inspections.	52
Visits re Overcrowding.	Nil.
Factory Inspections.	58
Visits to Infected Houses.	56
Slaughterhouse Visits.	454
Dairies & Cowsheds Inspections.	63
Visits to Milkshops.	9
Visits re Complaints.	212
Visits re Work in Progress.	143
Miscellaneous Visits by Inspector.	384
Smoke Observations.	Nil.
Houses Disinfected.	27
Houses Disinfested.	Nil.
Preliminary Notices Served.	78

HEALTH VISITOR.

Primary Visits to Infants under 1 year	106
Secondary Visits to Infants under 1 yr.	218
Visits to Children 1 to 5 years.	738
Visits to Expectant Mothers.	48
Visits re Stillbirths.	2
Visits re Children & Young Persons Act	----
Miscellaneous Visits.	84

The following is a list of the works carried out in the Abatement of Nuisances:-

Choked Drains opened and Cleansed.	22
Defective Drains repaired.	8
Defective Slopwater Closets repaired.	19
Defective Sinks or Waste Pipes repaired or replaced.	7
Defective Eaves Gutters and Downspouts repaired.	18
Yard Surfaces repaired.	1
Defective Windows repaired.	32
Defective Floors repaired.	10
Dilapidated House Walls and Ceilings repaired.	18
Defective Roofs repaired.	11
Defective Fire-ranges repaired or replaced.	2
Accumulations of Refuse removed.	40
Premises requiring Limewashing.	4

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Number of houses erected during the year:-

- (a) Total ..... Nil.  
 (b) As part of Municipal Housing Scheme. Nil.

1. - INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.) ..... 74  
 (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose.... 235
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925..... Nil.  
 (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose.... Nil.
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... Nil.
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..... 46

2. - REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers..... 28

3. - ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :-

A - Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs..... Nil.  
 (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-  
     (a) By Owners..... Nil.  
     (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners... Nil.

B - Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... Nil.



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(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

- (a) By Owners..... Nil.
- (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners.... Nil.

C - Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..... Nil.
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..... Nil.

D - Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made..... Nil.
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit..... Nil.

4. - HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV. OVERCROWDING.

- (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year..... Nil.
- (2) Number of families dwelling therein..... Nil.
- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein..... Nil.
- (b) Number of <sup>new</sup> cases of Overcrowding reported during the year..... Nil.
- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year..... Nil.
- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases.. Nil.

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

There has been no change in housing conditions in the Borough during 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1941.

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH.</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
All Causes - Certified.....	82	83	165
Uncertified.....	..	..	..
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever.....	..	..	..
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	1	..	1
Scarlet Fever.....	..	..	..
Whooping Cough.....	1	..	1
Diphtheria.....	2	..	2
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....	2	..	2
Other Tuberculosis Diseases.....	..	..	..
Influenza.....	..	1	1
Measles.....	..	..	..
Acute Poliomyelitis. <i>etc.</i> .....	1	1	2
Premature Birth, Congenital Malformation, Birth Injuries..	2	3	5
Cancer (all forms).....	16	16	32
Diabetes.....	1	1	2
Heart Disease.....	17	23	40
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.....	2	..	2
Bronchitis.....	5	3	8
Pneumonia.....	3	1	4
Other Respiratory Diseases.....	..	..	..
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum.....	1	1	2
Diarrhoea (under 2 years).....	..	..	..
Appendicitis.....	2	..	2
Nephritis.....	5	1	6
Puerperal Sepsis.....	..	..	..
Other Maternal Causes.....	..	..	..
Suicide.....	..	1	1
Road Traffic Accidents.....	2	..	2
Other Violent Causes.....	2	3	5
All Other Causes.....	17	28	45
TOTALS.....	82	83	165